

Community Board 7/Manhattan Hosts the 5th B2B Program and Networking Event

With a Keynote Speaker addressing the needs of seasonal positions for youth on the Upper Westside and remarks by Council Member Helen Rosenthal

Thursday, March 27, 2014, 6-8 p.m. at YMCA

The Business and Consumer Issues Committee Arranges Fifth Seminar in Community Outreach Series for Local Business Owners, Non-Profits and CB7 members

The Business and Consumer Issues Committee (BCI) of Community Board 7/Manhattan is hosting a Business2Business networking reception with the theme of “**Jobs for Westside Youth**” as its fifth program and networking wine reception on **Tuesday, March 27, 6-8pm at the West Side YMCA of Greater New York, Parkside Room, 5 West 63rd Street.**

The goal of this B2B is presenting a forum to link employers, particularly large employers, with non-profit organizations that train and seek placement of students in training programs, internships and seasonal positions within corporate organizations in the community. According to Eric Shuffler, the Youth, Education and Libraries Committee Co-Chair of CB7:

“Significant budget reductions from State and City funding over the past few years have cut in half the summer job opportunities through the Summer Youth Employment Program. Tens of thousands of applicants have not been able to receive summer employment through the program due to budget cuts. In addition, the challenging economic times for college graduates has also increased pressure on youth jobs as college graduates have increasingly been forced to take seasonal and summer work opportunities.”

Our keynote speaker for the evening (to be announced shortly) will address these and other issues and brief remarks will be provided by our new Council Member, the Honorable Helen Rosenthal and BCI Committee Co-Chairs, Michele Parker and George A. Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

Among the corporations that have already committed to attend the B2B series are Healthfirst, MetLife, Roosevelt Hospital Center/The Mount Sinai Hospital, TD Bank, Tavern on the Green and Spoonbread Too. The wine reception is provided courtesy of Casa de Vinos and catering by Westside Market. Invited guests are human resources and recruitment departments at corporations and career services departments at high schools and colleges as well as other organizations seeking placements of students for seasonal opportunities. This event is for non-profits and corporations, including restaurants, which have seasonal opportunities. There are a limited number of free exhibitor tables for non-profits and corporations. There is no charge to attend the B2B event and more information may be found on the CB7/Manhattan website at www.nyc.gov/mcb7.org. To reserve a free exhibit table, please contact BCI Co-Chair George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero at GZCLeader@gmail.com or calling 917-974-8164.

All attendees must register at: <http://goo.gl/lkye2x>

About Community Board 7 / Manhattan

Community Board 7/ Manhattan is your part of local government. Like all other community boards, we are mandated by the [Charter of the City of New York](#). The Board plays an important advisory role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery, and multiple community concerns of the Upper West Side.

The Board is headed by Elizabeth R. Caputo, Chair. The chair is elected by the Board Members for a one year term, with a maximum two terms. There is also an Executive Committee comprised of the Chair, the Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, and two Co-Secretaries. CB7's staff is headed by its District Manager, Penny Ryan. Staff members include John P. Martinez, Assistant District Manager, and Jessie Nieves, Community Associate.

The Board consists of [fifty volunteer members appointed](#) by the Manhattan Borough President, twenty-five of whom are selected by the three [Council Members](#) representing the District. All of CB7's Board Members live, work, or have a significant interest in the district and are appointed based on their qualifications and the needs of the current Board.

CB7 has several [standing committees](#) that work with the community to address the concerns of the Upper West Side. Board members are required to serve in one or more of these committees during their appointment. For further information about CB7 rules and policies, please read the [CB7 Bylaws](#).

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West 60th Street, Columbus Avenue, and West 59th Street.